

The World

1980 - Mount St. Helens erupts for the first time since 1857.

1980 - Former Beatle John Lennon is killed.

1980 - Evidence found of dinosaur-killing asteroid.

1980 - U.S. Supreme Court rules that genetically engineered organisms created in a laboratory can be patented.

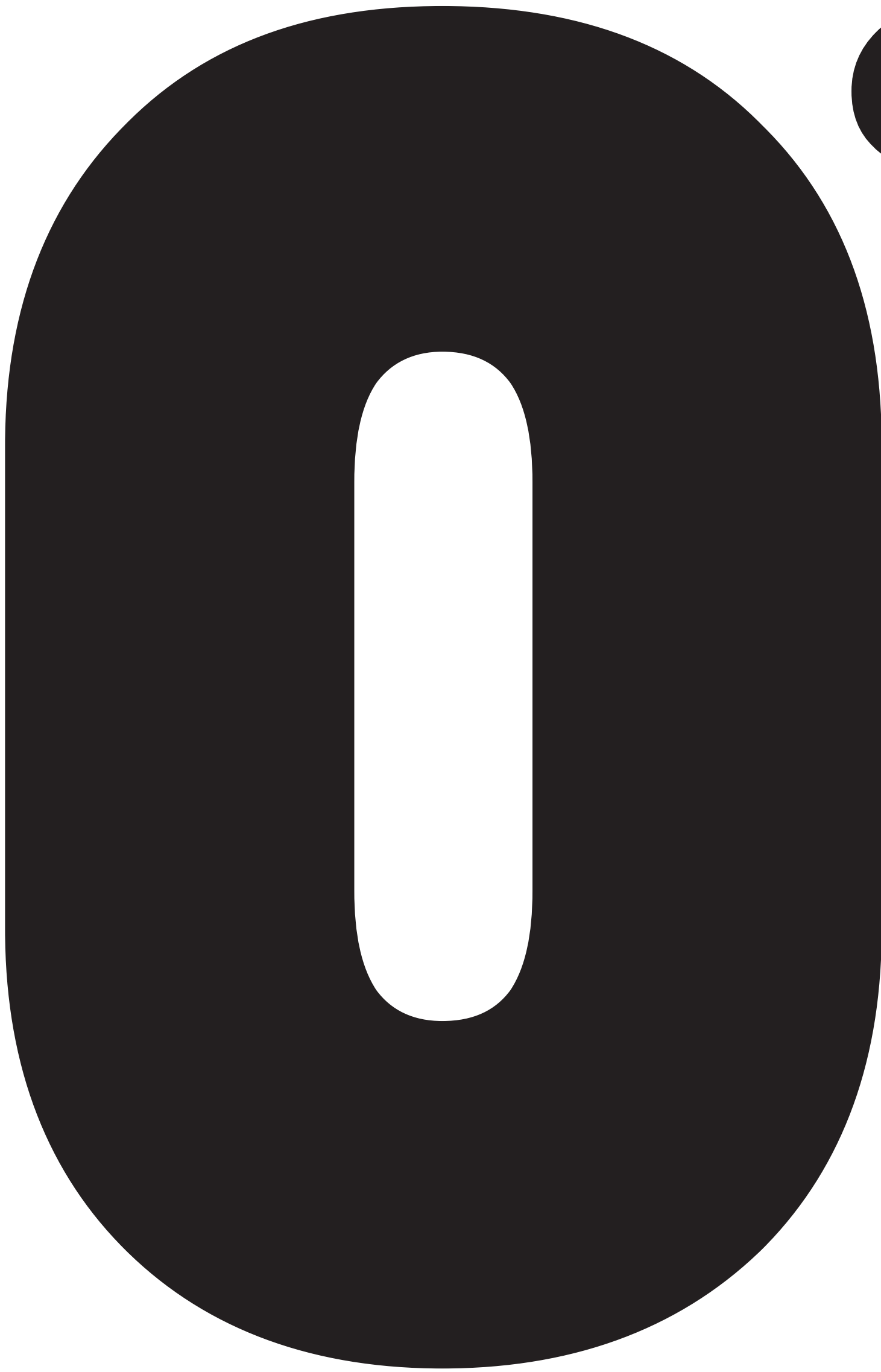
1981 - AIDS is officially recognized.

1982 - First genetically engineered crop developed (tomato).

1986 - Nintendo introduces its video games to America.

1986 - Space shuttle *Challenger* explodes killing all seven astronauts aboard.

1987 - Mikhail Gorbachev calls for reforms in the Soviet Union under *perestroika*.



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1983 - The Sidney ARS station is threatened with closure following the successful completion of its saline seep research effort. However, the community goes to bat for the lab and it remains open but its research effort is largely limited to two areas: conservation tillage and leafy spurge control.

1985 - First leafy spurge beetles released in the MonDak area.

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1980 - Lactase enzymes evaluated; provide basis for lactase-reduced dairy products.

1981 - Foot-and-mouth vaccine developed using gene splicing.

1984 - First transgenic farm animals born.

1987 - First 100% soybean ink developed.

1987 - Discovered that boron is a nutritionally necessary trace mineral.

